

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A method of monitoring at least one network device communicatively coupled to a network, comprising:

~~accessing the at least one network device by a first computer to obtain device status~~  
obtaining, by a first computer over the network, device information of the at least one network device, the device information including (1) status information obtained from sensors of the at least one network device and (2) a device identification;

storing the obtained device ~~status~~ information;

~~periodically~~ processing the stored ~~status~~ device information to generate a period usage report for the at least one network device;

transmitting the usage report from the first computer to a second computer; and

receiving the usage report by the second computer,

wherein the first computer is remote from the at least one network device.

2. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the transmitting step comprises:

transmitting the usage report to the second computer at a predetermined time or upon the occurrence of a predetermined event.

3. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the at least one network device includes a copier, and the usage report includes a number of copies made by the copier over a predetermined period.

4. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

translating the usage report into HTML or Excel format.

5. (Currently Amended) A system for monitoring at least one network device communicatively coupled to a network, comprising:

means for ~~accessing the at least one network device by a first computer to obtain device status~~ obtaining, by a first computer over the network, device information of the at least one network device, the device information including (1) status information obtained from sensors of the at least one network device and (2) a device identification;

means for storing the obtained device ~~status~~ information;

means for ~~periodically~~ processing the stored ~~status~~ device information to generate a period usage report for the at least one network device;

means for transmitting the usage report from the first computer to a second computer;  
and

means for receiving the usage report by the second computer,

wherein the first computer is remote from the at least one network device.

6. (Original) The system of claim 5, wherein the means for transmitting comprises:  
means for transmitting the usage report to the second computer at a predetermined time or upon the occurrence of a predetermined event.

7. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 5, wherein the means for ~~periodically~~ processing comprises:

means for generating a usage report for a copier, the usage report including a number of copies made by the copier over a predetermined period.

8. (Original) The system of claim 5, further comprising:

means for translating the usage report into HTML or Excel format.

9. (Currently Amended) A computer program product having a computer usable medium for monitoring at least one network device communicatively coupled to a network, comprising:

instructions for ~~accessing the at least one network device by a first computer to obtain device status~~ obtaining, by a first computer over the network, device information of the at least one network device, the device information including (1) status information obtained from sensors of the at least one network device and (2) a device identification;

instructions for storing the obtained device ~~status~~ information;

instructions for ~~periodically~~ processing the stored ~~status~~ device information to generate a period usage report for the at least one network device;

instructions for transmitting the usage report from the first computer to a second computer; and

instructions for receiving the usage report by the second computer,

wherein the first computer is remote from the at least one network device.

10. (Original) The computer program product of claim 9, wherein the instructions for transmitting comprise:

instructions for transmitting the usage report to the second computer at a predetermined time or upon the occurrence of a predetermined event.

11. (Original) The computer program product of claim 9, wherein the at least one network device includes a copier, and the usage report includes a number of copies made by the copier over a predetermined period.

12. (Original) The computer program product of claim 9, further comprising:  
instructions for translating the usage report into HTML or Excel format.

13. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein the processing step comprises:  
processing the stored device information to generate the period usage report on one of  
a monthly and a weekly basis.

14. (New) The system of claim 5, wherein the means for processing comprises:  
means for processing the stored device information to generate the period usage report  
on one of a monthly and a weekly basis.

15. (New) The computer program product of claim 9, wherein the processing step  
comprises:  
processing the stored device information to generate the period usage report on one of  
a monthly and a weekly basis.